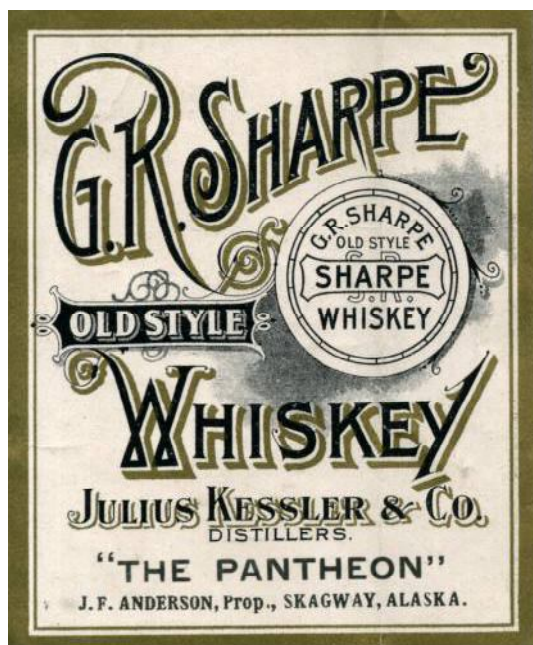
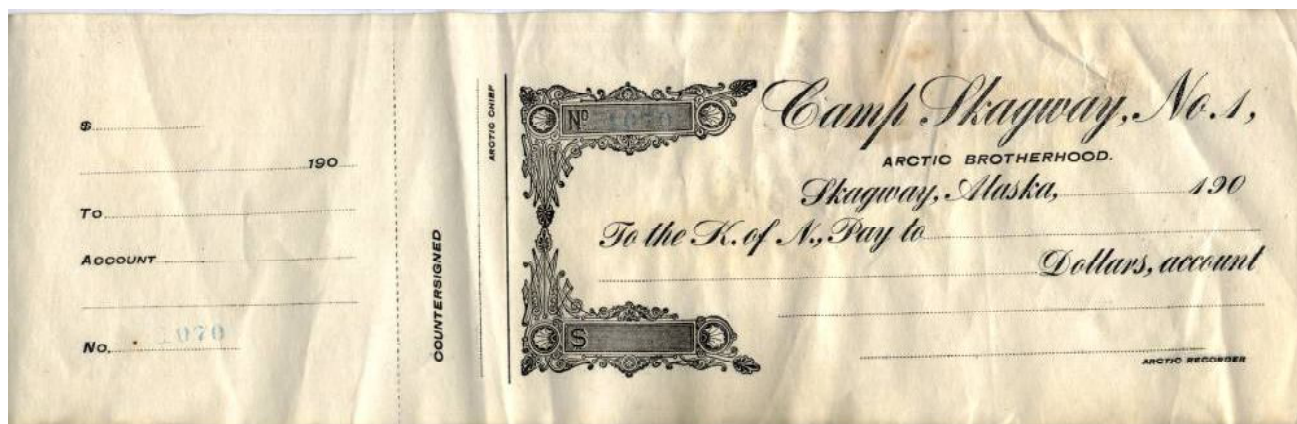


SKAGWAY EPHEMERA



Shown actual size, the labels above were for token issuer J.F. Anderson. The label to the left is black and gold on white, while the one on the right is black on white.



CAMPSKAGWAY, No. 1: An interesting check from the Skagway branch of the Arctic Brotherhood. Shown at a reduced size, actual size is 305mm by 95mm. A check number is barely legible (No. 1070). See page 43 in For the Record for a cardboard drink token.

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This month we present a nice assortment of ephemera from Skagway, much of it relating to token issuers. Also, there is a large listing of military challenge coins (really, this is getting out of hand!) and a nice assortment of items in For the Record. Prices realized take up a full page once again. I call your attention to the Tierra del Fuego 5 Gramos coin in the ANR Eliasberg auction. I bid \$6,100, knowing that it would at least sell for \$10,000. I must admit to being blown away by the hammer price.

Dave Phillips continues his column on Alaska wooden tokens. He is planning on visiting Fairbanks this summer, and we look forward to meeting him.

I spent a day in the National Archives in College Park, Maryland on non-Alaska research. It was an experience. I won't say it was fascinating, because it was not. You request files, and that is what you get. Sorry, no browsing. I did photocopy enough classified, secret and top secret documents (now declassified, of course), to write a couple of articles of a non-polar nature, so they will not be appearing in this newsletter.

Finally, I have been named to the Alaska Commemorative Coin Commission. One must apply to be appointed. When no one from the Fairbanks area had applied by the deadline, my politician partner received a call. He declined and suggested I apply. So this should be an interesting experience. I look forward to reporting to you whatever is allowed in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

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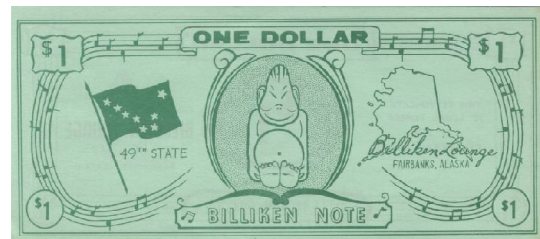
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THIS MONTH'S OFFERINGS



Above are the (1972), 1973 and 1974 Fairbanks Coin Club Alaskan Pioneer medals. We have not been able to offer these singly for some time. Honoring Bob Bartlett, Austin E. Lathrop and Sidney Laurence, these are sterling silver and bronze sets. Shown at a reduced size, the actual size is 40mm. Each set is \$25 plus \$3 postage per order. Please note that we only have one of each. I know a customer wanted one of these, but can't remember who or which one! Sorry. Give us a call on this one.



Circa 1960, these Billiken Notes from the Billiken Lounge in Fairbanks are about as cool as it gets. The original lounge lizard. OK, that is sales puffery. These are dark green on light green, actual size 175mm by 78mm. Condition is crisp unc. A couple have corner folds, and these will go to later orders. We have sold these for \$20 each in the past, but just picked up a few, and are offering these for only \$5 plus SASE.



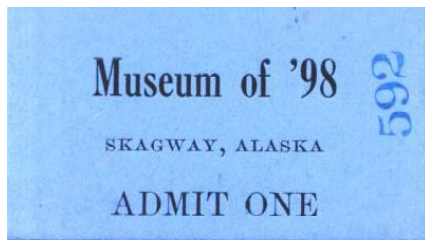
Arctic Circle Gifts, Mile 115 Dalton Hwy. Not even a village! Now out of business. Black on wood. \$5 plus SASE.

PRICES REALIZED

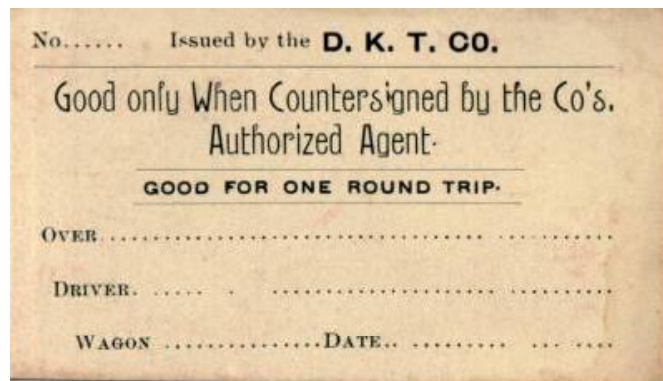
Selected prices realized from eBay:

Anchorage , DD Club, 12½¢, B-15ai	170.37	Tanana , Yukon Saloon, 25¢, B-11a	250.00OB
Anchorage , Masonic Penny, B-28b? (worn)	60.00OB	Tonsina , Nafsted, 12½¢, B-1a	OB45.00NB
Anchorage , Union Club, 12½¢, B-37a	125.00OB	Valdez , Blackwell/Rowdy, B-2a	OB150.00
Bethel , NC Co., 50¢, B-2b	OB125.00NB	Valdez , Copper Block, 12½¢, B-4b	13.50
Chisana , Anderton, 25¢, B-1a	OB15.00NB	Valdez , Copper Block, 12½¢, B-4b	25.25
Chitina , Navada Bar, 12½¢, B-4a	92.49	Valdez , Copper Block, 12½¢, B-4b	OB35.00NB
Chitina , Overland Hotel, 6¼¢, B-5a	424.00	Valdez , CM Day, 6¼¢, B-5a	157.50
Cordova , Cordova House, 6¼¢, B-14a	OB50.00NB	Valdez , The Fairbanks, 12½¢, B-6b	OB250.00NB
Cordova , Horseshoe, 6¼¢, B-19a	OB60.00NB	Valdez , The Fairbanks, 12½¢, B-6b	RLOB175.00NB
Cordova , Horseshoe Liq., 6¼¢, B-20a	38.55	Valdez , The Fairbanks, 12½¢, B-6b	242.50
Cordova , Rosswoog, 6¼¢, B-34b	56.00	Valdez , Northern, 6¼¢, B-15a	40.00OB
Cordova , Windsor Hotel, 12½¢, B-41c	150.00OB	Valdez , Seattle Hotel, 12½¢, B-20a	416.03
Douglas , D. Cigar Store	69.00	Yakutat , St. Elias Pkg., \$1, B-2c	134.10
Ellamar , E. Mining Co., 25¢, B-1c	458.76	Yes Bay , AK Pacific Fish., 5¢, B-3a	45.00OB
Fairbanks , Chena Bar, heart shape key tag	OB9.99	Dawson, YT , Tanana Hotel, 25¢	202.94
Fairbanks , Eagle J&B Cigar Store, 25¢, B-14c	772.00	Lansing Creek, YT , Mervyn, \$1	195.00
Fairbanks , Meyer, 25¢, B-35a	95.00OB	Whitehorse, YT , Alguire, 25¢	19.00
Fairbanks , Mrs. Priess Bakery, 1 Loaf, B-47a	434.00	Whitehorse, YT TDP, \$10	52.00
False Pass , Harris, 25¢, B-1c	250.00OB	Whitehorse, YT TDP, \$20	54.99
Fort Yukon , Carter, 50¢, B-3c	381.87	AYPE , Encased Cent, horseshoe, 1909 Indian	89.88
Fort Yukon , FY Hotel, 1 Loaf, B-4b	434.00	AYPE , Encased Cent, round, clover, 1909 Indian	36.00RNM
Goodnews Bay , Joe Jean, 50¢, B-1b	30.00OB	AYPE , Encased Cent, round, flower, 1909 Indian	9.99OB
Goodnews Bay , Joe Jean, \$1, B-1c	30.00OB	AYPE Gold , 1909, ½DWT	193.50
Haines , Lindsay House, 6¼¢, B-11a	426.21	AYPE Gold , 1909, 1 DWT, edge damage	OB171.00
Haines , Smith, 12½¢, B-12a	428.21	AK Gold , 2 Toowah, brass	69.47
Hawk Inlet , Harris, 25¢, B-1c	250.00OB		
Juneau , Occidental Hotel, 12½¢, B-56b	100.65	OB = Opening Bid NB = No Bid RL = relist	
Katalla , Northern, Smith & Duval, B-5a	OB800.00NB	RNM = Reserve Not Met R = Reserve	
Ketchikan , BPOE, 12½¢, B-5a	86.00	BIN = Buy it now	
Ketchikan , Lucky Spot, 10¢, B-32b	OB70.00NB		
Ketchikan , Northern Hotel, 6¼¢, B-38a	223.71	American Numismatic Rarities: Eliasberg, April 2005.	
Ketchikan , Quality Bakery, B-48a	25.00OB	Lot 3613 Tierra del Fuego 5 Gramos	\$36,800
Ketchikan , Slotten's, 5¢, B-58a	189.06	This was in original strike from El Paramo	
Koyukuk , Verneti, \$5, B-3e	39.88	Lot 3614 Tierra del Fuego 1 Gram	\$1,725
McCarthy , Johnson Hotel, 12½¢, B-4a	29.49		
Nenana , Parker's Patch sticker dollar	135.79	Alaska Rare Coins, April 17, 2005.	
Nome , BoT, 12½¢, B-8g	OB295.00NB	Lot	Winning Bid
Nome , BoT, 12½¢, B-8g	255.00	240 Tanana, Timothy's, B-10a	90
Nome , Columbia, 1 Drink, B-17a	OB95.00NB	241 Dawson, B&M	110mb*
Nome , North Pole Bakery, 10¢, B-39b	75.00OB	242 KFC 1/4 silver	26
Palmer , ARRC Registry Set	OB1,500 BIN 2,500NB	243 Fox Lions Club 1oz. silver	50mb
Palmer , ARRC, 1¢, B-1a	42.08	244 Four pipeline related medals	53
Palmer , ARRC, 1¢, B-1a	23.00	245 State of AK, 1/10 oz. silver pendant	21
Palmer , ARRC, 5¢, B-1b	19.95OB	246 Iditarod silver medals	70mb*
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	19.95OB	247 (2) AK Highway/Lend Lease medals	28
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	35.44	248 1993 AK silver medals	42
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	31.25	249 UAF Rifle team silver medal	40
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	33.88	250 Binky silver medal	22
Seldovia , Cash Store, 5¢, B-5a	OB40.00NB	251 1998 AK 1/20 oz. gold medal	90
Seward , Seattle Bar, 5¢, B-12a	326.21	252 White Pass & Yukon silver medals	65mb
Seward , Seward Bar, 12½¢, B-14a	OB35.00NB	253 Whitehorse Yukon Gambling Money	48mb*
Seward , Seward Club, 12½¢, B-15a	326.21	254 Wickersham Bibliography	150mb*
Sitka , Fisherman's Cafe, 10¢, B-9a	150.00OB	255 Rick's Bibliography	14
Skagway , BoT, 12½¢, B-4d	127.50	mb = sold to mail bidder. * = reduced bid	
Skagway , BoT, 12½¢, B-4d	OB95.00OB	total savings to mail bidders below their actual bid - \$47	

SKAGWAY EPHEMERA, cont..



An interesting admission ticket, black on blue, with the serial number in blue. Cardstock, 55mm by 32mm.



Dyea Klondike Transportation Co., good for one round trip. Black on white cardstock, 87mm by 50mm.



GEO. A. BRACKETT'S WAGON ROAD: Toll receipt, overprinted in red. Originally for Skagway and Yukon Transportation and Improvement Co. Shown actual size.



BAY VIEW LODGING HOUSE: Martin Itzen of Skagway Streetcar fame. Best 25¢ place in town!

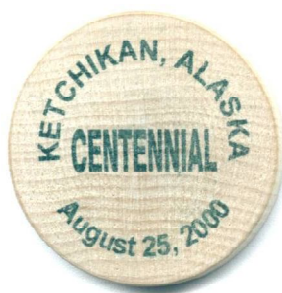
MONEY TO BURN

by David Phillips

The Farthest South (technically, also the farthest East) in Alaska wood.

KETCHIKAN: This town of 14,500 is located on the western coast of Revillagigedo Island, which is just off the mainland of the southern most part of the Alaska Panhandle. The name, Ketchikan, is the white man's version of the Tlingit name for the locations - Kitshchkin, or Katch Kanna - which roughly translates as "Spread wings of a Thundering Eagle." This came from the eagles frequenting the location, as a salmon bearing creek flowed here.

The "modern" history of Ketchikan starts about 1883 when first a salmon saltery, then a salmon cannery were built. Slowly but surely people moved into the immediate area, largely because of fishing, but also due to some mining activity and lumbering. In 1900, with the population then at 800, the Town was incorporated.

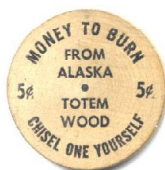


After that, fishing, some mining, lumbering and in 1954 a pulp mill brought the town's population to its present numbers. The pulp mill has recently closed down and both the lumber industry and mining activity have declined dramatically.

Due to the steep and rugged terrain prevalent on the west coast of Alaska, roads here are limited in number and length. There are no roads to the "outside."

Today, Ketchikan is the first stop of hundreds of Alaska cruise ships. Tourism is the big industry nowadays. Upwards of 500,000 visitors disembark at Ketchikan to tour the town. Some of the town is built over the water on pilings, particularly the historic "Creek Stree", with its restored bars and bordellos area of old Ketchikan.

I have identified 31 different wooden tokens emanating from Ketchikan. I am illustrating the Centennial wood, which is green on wood. It features a shield with an eagle and salmon. The shield is in the shape of a "tinnah," copper plate money of the Tlingit.



THIS MONTH'S OFFERINGS

A few more items to fill the space and fill our coffers!



Three more silver and bronze sets of the Fairbanks Coin Club medals. These are shown at a reduced size. Actual size 38.5mm.

The 1975 Noel Wien sold out very quickly and has been elusive since the year of issue. This set is priced at \$50.

The 1976 Bob Reeve and the 1979 Andrew Nerland are \$25. Please include \$3 for postage and insurance.

Here are a couple of odd, transportation tokens!



The first is a good for a "Coconut Grizzly" on Alaska Airlines. These are 35mm and struck on gold colored aluminum. If memory serves me, these were issued in the late 70s. The grizzly is smiling and licking his lips. I suppose this is meant to signify that the drink tastes good, but we all know why grizzlies lick their lips (the hiker was tasty). \$4 plus shipping.



Lastly, a coupon good for a drink on the Alaska Railroad. Black on ugly green, 79 x 51mm. Only one in stock, \$10 plus shipping of SASE.

Please note: only one shipping charge per order. Low value orders can be sent in an SASE.

MILITARY CHALLENGE COINS



ALASKA: State Command Sergeant Major David Ray Hudson. Red, blue, yellow and green enamel on brass.



ALASKA: State Command Sergeant Major of Alaska. Dark blue, light blue, yellow and green enamel on bronze.



ALASKA: Alaska Chiefs, Top Cover for Alaska (Air Force). Blue and white enamel on oxidized copper-nickel.



ALASKA: Alaska Army National Guard, 29th Support Battalion. Red, blue, yellow, white and black enamel on bronze.

ALASKA: US Army Alaska, 59th Signal Battalion, Ft. Wainwright, Ft. Greely, Ft. Richardson. Cannot tell if it is bronze or oxidized CN. Illustrated at the top of the next column.



ALASKA: USAF PACAF; Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, Japan, Korea. Making it happen in the Pacific. Bronze.



ALASKA: United States Army Medical Department. Red, white, blue, black, gold enamel on bronze. 30mm.



EIELSON AFB: You are SOL without POL, Professional Support First Time, Every Time. Bronze.

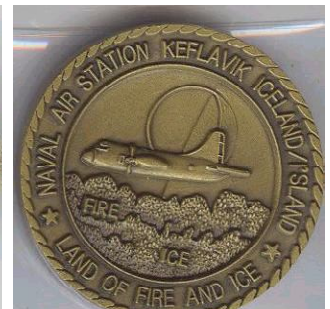


ELMENDORF AFB: U.S. Air Force, Cross into the Blue. Blue and yellow enamel on oxidized CN.

MILITARY CHALLENGE COINS, cont.



ELMENDORF AFB: Order of the Purple Polar Bear, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force. Red, white and blue enamel on oxidized CN.



KEFLAVIK NAS: Proud service since 1951, Land of Ice and Fire. Bronze.



ELMENDORF AFB: 3rd Dental Squadron, Oral Health Allies. Brown, light blue, dark blue, black and white enamel on bronze.



KEFLAVIK NAS: Keflavik Iceland Seabee Ball. Green, yellow, blue and white enamel on bronze.



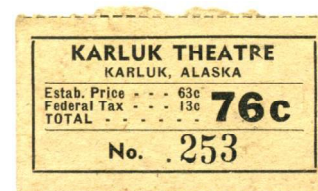
ELMENDORF AFB: 3rd Transportation Sq., Leading the Pac in the PACAF. Yellow and white enamel on bronze.



FT. WAINWRIGHT: 4th Squadron, 14th Cavalry, Thunderhorse. Red, white, blue, and yellow enamel on bronze.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Most Challenge Coins are about 38 to 40mm, though some are larger. Sizes are not usually reported in eBay listings. All are shown at approximately 38mm, but it must be realized that unless the size is noted in the description, this may not be accurate.

KARLUK THEATRE TICKET



Karluk is a small village on the west coast of Kodiak Island. The 2000 census shows a population of 27. Karluk was the site of one of the largest salmon fisheries in the world. Canneries were established by the Alaska Packer's Association, closing in the late 1930s. Probably used by APA employees, they may also have been used during World War II. It seems that 76 cents is a bit steep for either time period (and 13 cents Federal Tax!).

While they last, free with SASE.

FOR THE RECORD



ANCHORAGE: Reilly's (formerly Cheechako Bar). Former owner Joe Reilly retired and sold the business to his daughter Jean who renamed it. All 38mm plastic (despite stating wooden nickel!). Beer - white on dark green; Well - green on yellow; Call - green on white (submitted by Ken Rieck).



ANCHORAGE: North Pole Enterprises. 50¢ brass, 32mm and \$5 bronze, 40mm. The 50¢ was reported in the August 1985 issue (submitted by Kaye Dethridge).



FAIRBANKS: Elks BPOE 1551, Annual Convention, 1978, brass 33mm.

FAIRBANKS: Fairbanks Internet Mall, Round Tuit, red on wood. Illustrated in the next column.

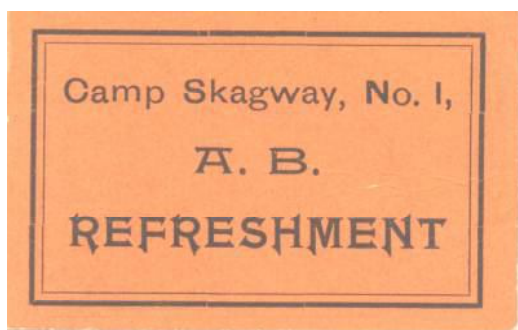
KENAI: Eadie's Frontier Club, \$2 Drink. Three different: 1974, 1975 and 1976. All brass, 32mm. Illustrated in the next column.



FOR THE RECORD, cont.



KENAI: Nikiski Terrace Club, North Road. Brass, 32mm (submitted by Kaye Dethridge).



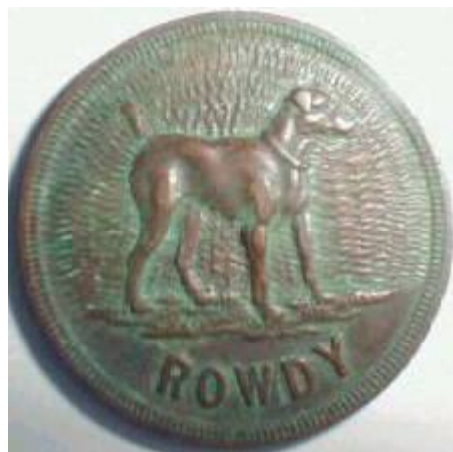
SKAGWAY: Camp Skagway, No. 1, A.B. Refreshment. Black on orange card stock, 67mm by 43mm. Probably used for a drink token.



(SKAGWAY): Vienna Bakery, good for one loaf of bread, Henry Rappolt. Black on yellow card stock, 61mm by 39mm. Rappolt issued a token in Fairbanks (B-48a) and was later in business in Nenana.



(STERLING): Millie's (Moose) River Inn, good for one beer. Black on green plastic, 39mm.



VALDEZ: W. H. Blackwell, Rowdy, B-2a. The background is "rippled". Offered for sale on eBay with an opening bid of \$150, and not sold. The seller received emails stating that the fields had been engraved. Illustrated enlarged to show detail.



(WHITEHORSE): City Bakery, good for one small loaf. Aluminum, 24mm. A large loaf is listed in Hill and Simpson (submitted by David Byard).



ALASKA AVIATION: 1999 and 2000. A yearly series, these probably made by the Evergreen Mint (now out of business) in Anchorage. 1 oz. pure silver.